

PANCAKES RARE ON ENGLISH MENU

Appears Only as Special Delicacy for Dessert.

London, England.—The early pancake may be a popular breakfast dish in the United States, where it is eaten by the half dozen at one sitting, but here in England it is a rare delicacy to be eaten singly as dessert at the end of a dinner.

At the Cheshire Cheese, the famous London inn, which was once the gathering place for Doctor Johnson and his erudite circle, and now is a center for American tourists, the distinction is the cause of constant difficulty.

A pancake-hungry American came to the old inn for luncheon recently. As he glanced over the menu the word, or what he thought was the word "pancake," struck his eye.

"I'll have half a dozen of these," he confided to the waiter, briskly. "Half a dozen pancakes, sir?" said the waiter in a polite surprise, elevating his eyebrows slightly.

"Where, that ought to hold me for a while, I guess. I'll probably come back for more later."

The six pancakes appeared and disappeared. In due course the bill like-wise appeared. The American looked at his law dropped.

"Six shillings for six pancakes? That's a mistake, isn't it?" he asked. "Oh, no, sir," said the waiter, "the American paid, but as he went out, he muttered to a friend: "A dollar and a half for six pancakes! Next thing you know we'll be eating baked beans at a shilling a bean."

Oldest Public Library in West at Madison, Ind.
Madison, Ind.—The first public library in the Northwest territory, established 100 years ago in a wayside inn along the Ohio river, ministers today to the community which has grown up around it.

Across the Appalachians and down the river to southern Indiana a group of men of learning came soon after 1810.

Led by Alexander Meek, attorney, they formed a circulating library for mutual exchange of books. In 1818 the men of the law and the clergy joined and formed a public library of voluntarily contributed books.

Twenty-four subscribers paid \$5 apiece in its first year for borrowing privileges. It outgrew quarters in the town, moved to a store, and after the Civil War became a county enterprise.

To day it occupies a little floor of the Meek building. Its shelves still hold most of the worn and rare volumes which started the library. French atlases published in Amsterdam in 1738.

Former Royal Yacht Hauls Vegetable Cargo
Oakland, Calif.—Rising vegetables and fruits are brought to local markets from Mexican west coast ports on a yacht that formerly belonged to the king of Spain.

The yacht, built on the Clyde 30 years ago for a Scotch millionaire, it was purchased by the United States government acquired it during the World War and later sold it to Capt. Ralph Gierster.

TAMED CHEYENNE IN DAYS OF OLD WEST

Early Exploits of Collier Trophy Winner Recalled.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The Man Who Made Cheyenne Behave! Thus early residents of the days when the two-man hold over in the West recall Maj. Edward L. Hoffman, who at the White House recently received from the hands of President Coolidge the Collier trophy, emblematic of the year's outstanding achievement in aviation.

By his development of the "free type" parachute, which all army aviators are now obliged to strap to their backs before "taking off," Major Hoffman stands unofficially credited with saving the lives of no less than 42 airmen.

But wild and woolly Cheyenne of the old days remembers Hoffman for quite different reasons. For when the town was closing its saloons only on Sundays for a few hours so the bar-tenders could go to church, he won the distinction of taming the place, using, for the first time in its history, a private serving at Fort D. Russell. The army post was located a distance of three miles from town.

Oddly enough, already there was a trolley in operation, supported largely by the patronage of the soldiers. But a crisis in the affairs of the "short line" management was precipitated when its cash customers were ordered out for summer maneuvers along the Mexican border. To meet the need, the company raised the fare to 10 cents. On their return from field service, the soldiers were informed, they, too, must pay the higher fare.

The army decided to fight. After some dickering a soldier committee, which had raised Private Hoffman to its chairmanship, walked into the office of the company and laid down this ultimatum: "A 5-cent fare or we walk."

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By this time Hoffman was something of a celebrity throughout the region. In Denver, headquarters of his general boycott reached the ears of more progressive business men, who offered to ship out merchandise at low prices than they had been paying in Cheyenne.

Then the Union Pacific stepped in and offered special rates to soldiers traveling over its lines. So the target of the boycott was soon hit. More and more soldiers trooping in to spend their week-end there.

Cheyenne is "taken." Meanwhile the bronco-bustin', gun-totin' town of Cheyenne, that had defied Billy the Kid and other notorious bad men, was being "taken" without the firing of a shot.

The end came when Hoffman agreed to meet a committee of business men and listen to their peace overtures. They submitted invoices and bills of expense to show they were not giving their wares to the soldiers at cost.

Hoffman's answer was a complete surprise. Before their dumfounded eyes he held aloft two lots of his own sales slips. One, he explained, showed the prices charged for clothing and the other the prices soldiers had to pay for the same goods. He pointed out that the prices were almost twice as high.

His next move was complete. Hoffman had called in a hotel and urged the lowering of the rate. Finally a compromise was reached whereby the soldiers were invited to look over the books of the company. They agreed to reduce the fare if the books showed a reasonable profit would be possible.

LEIPZIG'S FAIR IS GREATEST IN WORLD

Held Every Year Without Break for Centuries.

Leipzig, Germany.—An army of more than 1,000 merchants from all parts of the United States invaded Germany this spring to attend the Leipzig Trade Fair, the visit to which is to look into the future for almost a year, and see the goods of every kind which will fill the shops next Christmas. Germany is reputed to be the home of Santa Claus, for instance, and at the Leipzig fair it is possible to see the newest toys in endless variety, with thousands of novelties prepared for the advance. It is the same with every variety of industrial products.

World expositions come and go, but the Leipzig fair goes on, apparently, forever. It has been held every year without a break for several centuries. In its early days traders journeyed to Leipzig by primitive caravans, protected from highwaymen by guards in medieval armor. Today great throngs of merchants travel to Leipzig from all parts of the world by steamship, railroad and aircraft. From 44 countries scattered throughout the world about 200,000 visitors travel to Leipzig, among whom the buyers from the United States play an important part.

Largest in World. For centuries the fair has been steadily growing until today it is by far the largest in the world. Its exhibits are housed in more than 100 special buildings, in many cases the largest and finest ever constructed, which form a city in themselves. Some idea of the size of the Leipzig fair may be gained from the fact that it covers more than 4,000,000 square feet of floor space, outstretching most of the world expositions.

There is no midway or other distinctive amusement feature at the Leipzig fair, nor is any needed. Every effort is made to display wares in the most attractive manner. Here all the newest display ideas are to be seen, which will be copied later on in cities the world over. Whether it is dress goods, toys, the newest farming or building machinery, it will be ingeniously demonstrated before crowds of visitors. To walk through the endless halls of the exhibition buildings is to enjoy hundreds of unique exhibits.

One of the features of the fair this year, for instance, is the exhibit of textile machinery and its endless products. An exhibition of dry goods might ordinarily be uninteresting, but at Leipzig the shows are ingeniously dramatized. One booth consists of an elaborate stage brilliantly lighted, where half a dozen living models demonstrate silk stockings. There are many elaborate fashion shows, accompanied by good orchestras. One of the novelties this year is the life-size mechanical models which display a variety of wearing apparel by reproducing the movement and gestures of the living models to the delight of the audiences. There are more than 1,500 exhibits in the textile division alone.

Toys for Christmas. It is in the toy and novelty department, perhaps, that we see our shop windows of next Christmas most completely visualized. Some of the largest and most elaborate toys ever constructed have been made for next Christmas trade in America. There are elephants seven feet high which balance in the most convincing manner. Many wild animals are to be seen life-size which roar or spring exactly like the originals. It is noticeable that the American comic supplements have had a great influence on German toys, and all the families come figures are reproduced, life-size. One elaborate group is that of Rip Van Winkle and the grouse, all as large as life.

Jewelry travel from all parts of America to buy the latest designs and novelties at Leipzig. It is significant of conditions in Germany that the Leipzig fair this year is the largest and best attended in its long history, outlasting the pre-war fairs.

Use "Disks" as Check for Prague Beggars
Prague, Czechoslovakia.—Beggars here are given small little disks instead of currency. These disks are sold at various points by a welfare committee which is experimenting to benefit the beggars as well as the giver of alms. The disks are supplied at nominal cost and all good Samaritans are requested to hand them out, instead of coin.

The recipient presents the disks at the headquarters of the welfare committee, and his slight is instantly rewarded. If it is ascertained that he is really in need, his case is dealt with by a beggar fund which has a bank account of more than \$100,000. The disks are popular with the public, but the beggars threaten to boycott the plan.

Youthful Lecturer
Tashkent, U. S. S. R.—Nicholas Nasarov, fifteen years old, is a full-fledged lecturer in mathematics at Tashkent university. He entered the university when ten years old.

Tea's Hobby
New York.—Nikola Tesla, seventy-year-old wizard of electricity, has for a hobby the raising of sick and maimed pigeons.

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APOMATTOX, VIRGINIA, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, of Lynchburg, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Mrs. Rosa Abbit and her little daughter, Miss Colyer, spent the week-end with Mrs. Abbit's daughter, Mrs. Casey, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. K. Megginson went to Lynchburg Monday to the Baptist Hospital for an operation, her many friends hope the operation will be a success, and she will soon be home greatly improved.

Mrs. Tom Harvey has been very sick, but is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harvey, and daughter, Miss Davis, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey.

Mrs. John Beale, and family, have moved near Liberty Chapel at the Dosses old place to live.

They say a cool May is an indication of a good wheat crop, if so we certainly think we will have a fine yield of wheat for this has been the coolest May we have experienced for a long time.

Misses Isabell, and Phoebe O'Brien, of Richmond, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker O'Brien.

Mr. Watkins Abbit, of Richmond College, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbit, of Lynchburg.

There were quite a few visitors and strangers at New Hope Sunday, we extend to you our welcome invitation, and we are always glad to see you at our church.

FOREST VIEW
We are having strange weather, thunder storms and cold enough to be winter. The trees and every thing so pretty and green, and the cold wind blowing from the north and northwest makes us feel like it is going to snow. The gardens and crops cannot do very much while it is so cold.

Mr. Curtis Martin, of Richmond, spent several days recently with home folk, returning Sunday before last accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin. They are both in bad health, probably the change will do them good. They are with their son, Douglas, of Richmond.

Mrs. M. H. Hunter, of Gladstone, and Mrs. B. C. Sims, near Evergreen, are staying with the sisters, Miss Bessie Martin and Mrs. Annie Odor.

Mr. Walter Jordan who has a position in Maryland spent last week with his home folk and he will take his family with him back this week. We certainly hate to see them go.

South Side

Mr. George T. Coleman, of Lynchburg, visited down in Appomattox Thursday.

Mr. L. W. Coleman visited his mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman during the past week.

Mrs. Robt. T. Holycross who has been suffering with a carbuncle is improving.

Mr. J. W. Coleman, and little son, Bill, of Lynchburg, spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman, also his sister, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mr. Royal Ferguson, and little daughter, Etta, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cherrault, and Mrs. W. R. Cherrault visited Mrs. A. E. Coleman during the past week.

Rev. Gordon preached at Hixburg First Baptist Church last Sunday a.m.

Misses Gladys and Verta Smith stayed at Red House parsonage a while last Friday a.m. enroute from Danville where they attended the Grand Eastern.

This community was shocked by a sad death Tuesday a.m. when Mr. Walter Dewes committed a suicide in the back yard from home with a shot; his remains were entered in the family grave yard at his home on Wednesday following the funeral which was conducted from his home by his pastor, Rev. Gordon. A large crowd of relatives and friends were present and bore his remains to its last resting place. The flowers were many and presented a lovely scene. He leaves to mourn the loss of a wife and a large host of children and grandchildren. Much sympathy is felt for his bereaved family.

Mrs. W. R. Reynolds and daughters, attended the burial of Mr. Dewes last Wednesday at this place.

Mr. C. C. Carter visited in the home of Rev. Gordon Sunday p.m.

The whooping cough is quite prevalent in this section the hope it is not in a very bad form.

Miss Bailey had as her guest last week-end Miss Jamerson, of Pamplin, she was accompanied by Miss Sprinkle, Miss Hannah Jennings and brother, and Mr. Paul Bennett on a fishing trip to Clap's Pond, only captured one little fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, of Appomattox, motored to Red House last Monday night, accompanied by Miss Lelia Inge, Mrs. Joe Ferguson, and Mrs. S. L. Ferguson.

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